



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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James J. Bonham, Treasurer
Democratic Congressional Campaign
Committee
430 South Capitol Street SE, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20003

Response Due Date:
July 16, 2004

Identification Number: C00000935

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/1/04-3/31/04)

Dear Mr. Bonham:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The limitation on making coordinated party expenditures on behalf of a House candidate for the 2004 general election is \$37,310. Your reports, however, disclose coordinated party expenditures made on behalf of Ben Chandler (House/KY/06) totaling \$59,058.97, which appear to exceed the limitations under 2 U.S.C §441a(d) (see attached). Furthermore, based on the aggregate general election expenditure total for Ben Chandler, it appears that you have failed to disclose \$3,600 in coordinated expenditures made on his behalf.

If any apparently excessive expenditure in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive coordinated party expenditure, you must notify the candidate and request a refund of the amount in excess of the limitation.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate.

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In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive coordinated party expenditures, prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration.

-The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the election designation(s). 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

-Schedule F of your report discloses coordinated expenditures made on behalf of a candidate(s). Please be advised that your committee must be authorized to make such expenditures by the State committee of your political party. National party committees have a separate limit for each nominee, but they share their limits with their national senatorial and congressional committees. If your committee has been designated to make such expenditures, please provide the name of the designating committee. If your committee has not been designated to make coordinated expenditures, they must be considered as in-kind contributions to the candidate(s) and be subject to the limitations of 2 U.S.C. §441a. Please amend your report with clarifying information. 2 U.S.C. §441a(d)

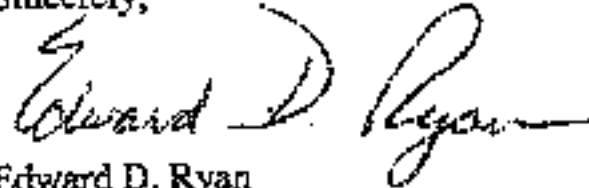
Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any

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questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward D. Ryan".

Edward D. Ryan
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Ben Chandler	1/07/04	\$4,915.17	G2004	2004 Amended February Monthly
Ben Chandler	1/07/04	\$29,500.00	G2004	2004 Amended February Monthly
Ben Chandler	1/08/04	\$20,000.00	G2004	2004 Amended February Monthly
Ben Chandler	2/13/2004	\$1,992.80	G2004	2004 March Monthly
Ben Chandler	3/24/2004	\$79.50	G2004	2004 April Monthly
Ben Chandler	3/24/2004	\$2,571.50	G2004	2004 April Monthly

